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SUBJ: JIMSON SEED IN MILO IMPORTED FROM US

PASS AGRICULTURE

BEGIN SUMMARY: GOI OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED INFORMALLY IF USG CAN OFFER GOI ANY COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES SUSTAINED IN CLEANING MILO IMPORTED FROM US. CLEANING WAS NECESSARY TO REMOVE TOXIC JIMSON SEED PRESENT. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MEETING OF EMBOFF AND OFFICIALS IN GOI AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY ON APRIL 6, GOI OFFICIALS ASKED IF USG COULD OFFER GOI ANY COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES SUSTAINED IN CLEANING MILO IMPORTED FROM US TO ELIMINATE JIMSON WEED SEED. EMBOFF STATED THAT IMPORTATION OF US MILO WAS PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN INDIAN SUPPLY MISSION AND US EXPORTERS AND THAT USG WAS NOT A PARTY TO CONTRACT. GOI SPOKESMAN SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WERE WITH PRIVATE US FIRMS BUT BECAUSE OF NATURE OF PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED AND FACT THAT INSPECTION SERVICE PROVIDED BY USG, HE WONDERED IF SOME COMPENSATION COULD BE OFFERED. HE ALSO STATED GOI HAS BEEN IMPORTING MILO FROM US FOR THE PAST 15 TO 20 YEARS WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING JIMSON SEED PROBLEM AND THAT PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPORTS IN 1973 WERE THE SAME AS IN FORMER YEARS. GOI SPOKESMAN ALSO STATED THAT COST OF CLEANING IMPORTED MILO WAS ONLY ONE OF TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED. SECOND PROBLEM IS THE LONG DELAY IN DISTRIBUTING IMPORTED FOODGRAINS TO CONSUMERS IN DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS WHERE FOOD SUPPLIES URGENTLY

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NEEDED. AT THEIR REQUEST EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO REFER THIS QUESTION  
TO WASHINGTON FOR GUIDANCE.

2. COMMENT: GOI OFFICIALS DID NOT INDICATE, NOR WERE THEY  
ASKED, WHAT LEVEL OF COMPENSATION THEY MIGHT HAVE IN MIND.  
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